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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

Ali Abdelwahed

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.  |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: Reference numerals "22" and "23". A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 12 and 20 are objected to because of the following informalities:

It is suggested that in:

Claims 12 and 20, lines 5 and 6, respectively, delete "pill" and insert --dosage--.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claims 1 and 12 recite the limitations "the patient" and "the body" in lines 2 and 4, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims.

Claims 2, 3, 13, and 14 recite the limitation "the patient" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

Claim(s) 4-11 and 15-19 depend from rejected claim(s) 1 and 12, respectively, and include all of the limitations of claim(s) 1 and 12 thereby rendering these dependent claim(s) indefinite.

Claim 20 recites the limitations "the patient" and "the body" in lines 2, 5, 8, and 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,575,297 B2 to Schutten in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,393,100 to Coe and U.S. Patent No. 4,632,428 to Brown.

Schutten discloses the claimed invention except for having a color image identifying each medicine pill and the residence address of the patient. However, Coe teaches a personalized medication card comprising the concept of having a color image (42) identifying each medicine pill (see fig. 2, and respective portions of the specification); and Brown teaches a personalized medication card comprising the concept of having the residence address of the patient (see column 3, lines 52-56). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the personalized medication card of Schutten, in view of Coe and Brown, such that it would provide the personalized medication card of Schutten with the concepts of the aforementioned limitations for the purpose of facilitating the identification of the medicine pills and providing vital personal information about the patient.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,575,297 B2 to Schutten in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,031,937 to Nellhaus and U.S. Patent No. 4,632,428 to Brown.

Schutten discloses the claimed invention except for having a color image identifying each medicine pill and the residence address of the patient. However, Nellhaus teaches a personalized medication card comprising the concept of having a color image (24) identifying each medicine pill (see figs. 2, 4, and respective portions of the specification); and Brown teaches a personalized medication card comprising the concept of having the residence address of the patient (see column 3, lines 52-56).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the personalized medication card of Schutten, in view of Nellhaus and Brown, such that it would provide the personalized medication card of Schutten with the concepts of the aforementioned limitations for the purpose of facilitating the identification of the medicine pills and providing vital personal information about the patient.

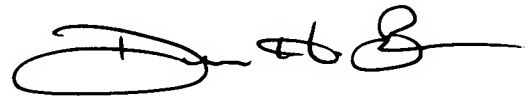
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Abdelwahed whose telephone number is (703) 305-3311. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (703) 308-1745.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Banks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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